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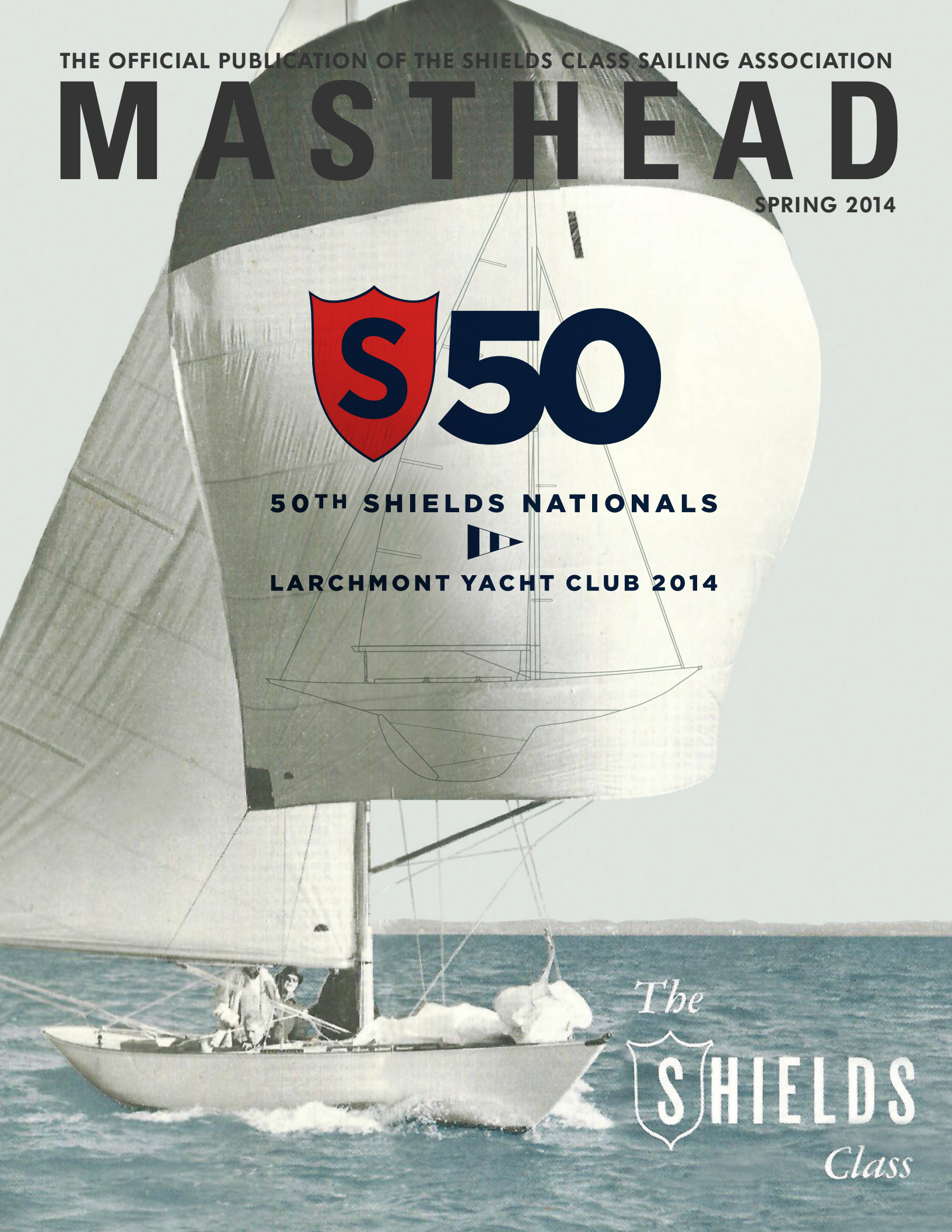
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**50TH SHIELDS NATIONALS**



**LARCHMONT YACHT CLUB 2014**



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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As the worst winter in memory finally gives way to spring, Shields fleets are ramping up for what will be a fun and exciting season for the Class. As you've likely heard, Mike Schwartz and Chicago Yacht Club have brought back the Ocean-Great Lakes Challenge Cup, to be sailed this June with a single entry invited from each Shields Fleet. That should help build some momentum—and some interfleet rivalries—as we look ahead to the 50th Shields National Championships in Larchmont this September. Fleet One and LYC are hard at work planning a world class event befitting this milestone, including a Legends Regatta to kick things off. Look for further details of these events on the pages of this Masthead.

One note - the Shields Class needs your help. Do you have some old Shields photos that are in danger of being lost forever? Perhaps you have a story from the Armadillo Cup that needs to be told, lest it be forgotten. Bruce Wellington, from Fleet 21 in Oxford, MD, is teaming up with Class Secretary Wendy Goodwin to put together a coffee table book celebrating the rich history of our beloved class, but this is a group effort and they need your input. Again, more details below.

## SHIELDS CLASS COFFEE TABLE BOOK

As part of the celebration of 50 years of the Shields Nationals Regatta, the Class Association, led by Bruce Wellington of Fleet 21 at TAYC in Oxford, MD and Shields Class Secretary Wendy Goodwin, is producing a coffee table book for display and for sale/distribution at the regatta. A One design Class Association couldn't turn 50 years old without a lot of rich history and fun "tall tales." But we need your help in tracking down those stories! So ...

Can you think of some of your fleet members who may have Shields stories they are willing to contribute toward the content of the book? Here are some questions which may help you/them get started:

1. Do you remember the first time you sailed/raced a Shields?
2. Tell us about how or why you bought a Shields.
3. Which boats have you owned or sailed aboard?
4. What are some of your fondest memories? Funniest? Most Challenging?
5. What are some of the places you've raced a Shields?
6. What were some of the more memorable Shields events?

A large part of any coffee table book is photos and images. We want your fleet members' photographs, old SI's, drawings, clippings, fleet or club imagery. If you have something to share please:

- Email your stories and any small files of pictures etc to: [2014nationalsdocs@gmail.com](mailto:2014nationalsdocs@gmail.com)
- For large files (e.g. videos), please upload directly to: *2014 Nationals Media* on Google Drive. You will need to login using the following email: [2014nationalsdocs@gmail.com](mailto:2014nationalsdocs@gmail.com), with password, **2014DOCS**. Please **NOTE** that passwords are case-sensitive.

If anyone in your fleet would prefer to be interviewed as opposed to writing back to us, just let us know. We have set a deadline of May 31 for content as we will need time to pull things together and edit, so please do not delay! Visit the Class website for further details: <http://shieldsclass.com/2014/classbook.php>

Finally, the Shields Class is heading West! Thanks to the tremendous efforts of Garth Hobson and Eric Anderson of Shields Fleet 12 in Monterey, the 2016 Shields Nationals will be held in California. This will be the third time the nationals have been in Monterey, and the first time since 1984, and speaks not only to the rebuilding effort of the Monterey Fleet, but to the growth of our Class overall. We look forward to gathering on the west coast in 2016!

Happy sailing, and see you on the water in Chicago and Larchmont!

Com Crocker  
*Shields Class President*



FLEET 1: Shields #23, Rascal

## 50TH SHIELDS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

HOSTED BY SHIELDS FLEET ONE AND LARCHMONT YACHT CLUB,  
SEPTEMBER 10 - 13, 2014



LARCHMONT YACHT CLUB | Larchmont, NY

Photo Courtesy of: Howard McMichael

### LARCHMONT YACHT CLUB

*Come join us as we celebrate the history of the Shields with world class racing on the water, and camaraderie and entertainment on land. The NoR and Registration Form are posted on the Class website, so register today: <http://shieldsclass.com/2014/index.php>.*



Larchmont Yacht Club was founded in 1880, and in the 134 years since, has become one of the premier yacht clubs in the U.S. and the world. Throughout those years, LYC's mission remained focused on sailing and sailboat racing. Its membership roles have read like a *Who's Who* of yachting. Legendary sailors including Marshal Wilson (of schooner *Atlantic* fame), Arthur Knapp, Cornelius Shields, and Stanley Ogilvy have called Larchmont Yacht Club their homeport. Today, the Club is renowned for its offshore credentials as well as its small boat success. Claiming robust Shields, Vanguard-15, Viper 640, Etchells, and winter sailing (IC) fleets, Larchmont Yacht Club attracts the best college sailors locating

in the New York area after graduation. Team racing is also a major thrust of the Club, as is its commitment to disabled sailing through its annual Robie Pierce One-Design Regatta (hosted jointly with American Yacht Club).

The Club has extensive experience hosting prestigious national and international regattas, having hosted the Hinman Team Racing Championship and the Star Centennial Regatta in recent years, among other events. LYC is also home to the Intercollegiate Big Boat Regatta, the largest collegiate regatta in the world with over 400 college sailors coming to Larchmont every October to compete.

The Officers, Trustees, and members of Larchmont Yacht Club look forward to hosting the 50th Shields National Championship this coming September. Register today, and come celebrate 50 years of Shields sailing with us!

## TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

HOSTED BY SHIELDS FLEET ONE AND LARCHMONT YACHT CLUB,  
SEPTEMBER 10 – 13, 2014

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

1700 – 2000 Registration and  
Welcome Reception/Cocktail Party

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

1000 – 1800 Registration  
1100 Legends Regatta, First Warning  
1430 Practice Starts / Race, First Warning  
1800 Competitors' Meeting  
and BBQ Dinner (and Legends Awards)

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

1030 First Warning  
1800 Dinner Celebrating the  
History of the Shields Class

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

1030 First Warning  
1800 Cocktails at the Tiki Bar

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

1030 First Warning  
1900 Awards Banquet



## THE SHIELDS CLASS LEGENDS REGATTA

HOSTED BY SHIELDS FLEET ONE AND LARCHMONT YACHT CLUB,  
SEPTEMBER 10, 2014

Larchmont Yacht Club and Shields Fleet One are honored to be hosting the 50th Shields National Championship. To help celebrate this historic event, we are announcing a one-day Legends Regatta on the opening day of the event, Wednesday, September 10, and are seeking out motivated participants.

The goals of the Legends Regatta are to:

- Reconnect sailors to Shields racing and friends old and new
- Honor those sailors no longer active in the Class yet central to its success over the past 50 years
- Celebrate the history of 50 years of Shields National Championships.

The Shields Class was conceived to offer competitive sailing and camaraderie for sailors of all ages, and has continued to fulfill these goals for the past 50 years. If you are, or know of an individual who has helped your local Shields fleet flourish, please reach out to them and spread the word.

The itinerary will consist of a welcome cocktail party the evening of Tuesday, September 9, followed by a day of racing and an awards ceremony during the opening night dinner. Entrants are also encouraged to participate in all of the social events during the National Championship.

More information, including the Legends Regatta NoR and Entry Form, is available on the Shields Class website: <http://shieldsclass.com/2014/legends.php>.

## MEET SHIELDS LEGEND DICK CLARK

SHIELDS NATIONAL CHAMPION, 1975 & 1978



Dick grew up learning to sail and race El Toro prams at the Stillwater Yacht Club in Pebble Beach, CA. He graduated to the Mercury as a teenager, which he would sail for the next 40 years, winning the nationals no fewer than six times. Dick started racing a Shields in 1970 at the urging of Bob Allan who built the Monterey fleet to sixteen boats, starting with #103-Storm. Dick later purchased #103, naming her Stillwater after his childhood club.

After competing in his first Shields Nationals in Chicago in 1974, Dick successfully bid to host the regatta in California the following year. He would go on to win, and followed that up by winning a second National Championship in Larchmont three years later.

Dick has augmented his around the buoys racing with more than a little bit of offshore sailing, having competed in six Transpacs and several Mexican Races. He is still a member of the Stillwater Yacht Club and the Monterey Peninsula Yacht Club, both of which he has served as Commodore, and is also a member of the St. Francis Yacht Club and Trans Pacific Yacht Club. His wife, Judy, shares his passion for sailing – they met through MPYC, where she was their first woman commodore. Their son, Patrick Whitmarsh, is a professional sailor, competing in everything from ultra-competitive 18' Skiffs to grand prix offshore racers. The Clarks live on the Monterey Peninsula, where Dick has lived his entire life.



Dick with Corny Shields on the Larchmont Yacht Club lawn in 1978.



Dick and his crew from the 1978 Shields Nationals, along with Corny Shields, Arthur Knapp, as well as their Larchmont hosts, Mr. & Mrs. George Jacoma

**Masthead:** Tell us about your first Shields Nationals.

**Dick Clark:** My first shot at the Nationals was the 1974 regatta in Chicago. My crew and I drove from California in an old Ford station wagon with our sails and spinnaker pole lashed to the roof. Feeling giddy about a second place finish behind local champ Martin Plonus and totally without the knowledge or authorization of our fleet or yacht club, we successfully bid to host the 1975 Nationals on Monterey Bay.

**MH:** How did that go over back home?

**DC:** Fortunately, they were delighted! The club worked hard to put on a first class event for the first west coast nationals. Steve Klotz, representing Stanford University Sailing Club sailed a remarkable regatta, winning all five races in the “no throwout” series. He didn’t fare so well in the protest room, however, and was disqualified from the fourth race. That moved us into first place for the Championship. I was thrilled to receive a call Monday morning from Corny Shields offering his congratulations.

**MH:** Tell us about your second win, in Larchmont three years later.

**DC:** It was a magical series, starting off with a private dinner with Corny Shields one night and with Arthur Knapp the next, all before the racing even started. The racing was intense and going into the final race we held a one point lead over Steve Benjamin. We had to either finish no worse than directly behind Benj, or we had to drag him back to six or worse and we would both take a throwout, giving us the championship. He led us early in the race and tried to keep a loose cover, but we kept sailing to the unfavored side of the course. One by one, boats passed him. He finished sixth and we had accomplished our goal, only to have to wait an eternity for the results of a protest on the second place finisher! It was a thrilling finish and particularly rewarding to have won the title on both coasts.

**MH:** Do you still race?

**DC:** I have owned and raced PHRF for many years at the club level, but today most of my racing is in the radio controlled Victoria class. I am very much looking forward to getting back into a Shields for the Legends Regatta, however, and to revisiting Larchmont Yacht Club. As you can imagine, I have fond memories of the place!

## ■ FLEET 1

LARCHMONT YACHT CLUB, LARCHMONT, NY

Spring is here and our first fleet meeting was well attended and very enthusiastic -- Fleet One is ready for the 50th Nationals at Larchmont Yacht Club and the excitement is palpable. The winter had us with a series of meetings and coordination between our club, race committee, marine facilities -- all the groups that get impacted by such a (hopefully) large event -- and everyone is excited.

Several members of Fleet One took part in winter sailing as part of LYC's frostbite fleet -- including Race Committee. Lots of strong competition and crowded starts and mark roundings, so we're eager to see what all the practice will do for our Shields teams when our racing season starts in May. We're also looking forward to the return of our midweek racing program, with more casual races starting at 6:00pm on Wednesday evenings for those able to make it home from work in time. Lots of great experience and fun for all involved. Fleet One is excited to be sending a team to Chicago in June to compete in the Great Lakes Challenge Cup, and most of our Fleet will head over to Seawanhaka for the Western LI Sound Districts the following weekend. Larchmont Race Week is always a highlight of our season. Come join us this year for two weekends in July 12, 13, 19, and 20.

Looking ahead to the 50th Nationals, we're particularly excited to celebrate the history of the Class by hosting a Legends Regatta the Wednesday of the event, and are helping Wendy Goodwin and Bruce Wellington gather material for the Shields coffee table book. Please find more information about each, elsewhere in the Masthead. We're also extending the invitation to any and all visiting boats to come join us the weekend prior to the Nationals, September 6th and 7th, when LYC will be hosting the annual Leukemia Cup on Saturday and we plan to run an organized practice on Sunday. Come test out the winds and waters of Western Long Island Sound before the Nationals kick off later that week!

We look forward to seeing you all in Larchmont for the Nationals -- and if you are anywhere near NYC at any point this summer, give us a shout and we'll get you out on the water with us!

Dual Macintyre  
Fleet 1 Captain  
Shields #183, *Alice*

## ■ FLEET 2

INDIAN HARBOR YACHT CLUB  
GREENWICH, CT

It appears the winter from Hell has taken its Polar Vortex elsewhere, and we just might be able to do some sailing soon. We have 2 new members who have joined Fleet 2: L16 veteran Curtis Wood and Tom Burnham. As I write this our Shields are coming out of winter hibernation and are at IHYC for spring prep and launching is planned for the end of April.

We have an exciting season planned:

- May 14: Captains Harbor Vespers begin
- June 21-22: Shields Districts at SCYC
- June 27-29: The Ocean Challenge Cup at Chicago Yacht Club
- August 2-3: LIS One Design Championships at AYC
- Sept 10-13: Shields 50th Anniversary Nationals at LYC
- Sept 13: IHYC Classic

The Ocean Challenge Cup was created by Chicago Yacht Club almost a century ago to foster competition with east coast clubs. Indian Harbor won it several times, and most recently it was raced in L16s. Our Fleet plans to participate.

We are planning to send 2 Shields to the Nationals and we all look forward to representing our Club in this historic event.

We welcome interest from prospective Shields sailors from Greenwich to New Haven, and inland points north of Long Island Sound. We have a Syndicate which makes racing and enjoying a Shields easy and very cost effective via fractional ownership of our boats. Please contact me if you would like to learn more!

Rick Hendee  
Fleet 2 Captain  
203.858.3906  
Rickhendee@optionline.net

## ■ FLEET 3

CHICAGO YACHT CLUB  
CHICAGO, IL

Chicago, Fleet 3's 2014 Season always starts with the "Strictly Sail" show held at Navy Pier at the end of January. This year the show ran from Jan. 23rd through Jan. 26th. It was well attended by skippers, crew and an enthusiastic group of potential fleet members who visited our Shields on display. We had a nice new paint job to show off (pictured, below). All attendees were invited to a follow-up "South of the Border Brunch" at Chicago Yacht Club, Belmont. We had 33 Fleet members & guests who spent a great Sunday morning enjoying a unique buffet specially prepared by Gail, our new Club Chef.



**FLEET 3: New paint job**

# FLEET NEWS



**FLEET 3: Ocean-GreatLakes Challenge Cup**

Racing this year will begin on May 10th and end on October 11th. As usual, we'll have Spring, Summer and Fall Series augmented by several special One-Design Regattas. August 23rd is the Verve Cup to which all Shields are invited. The Fleet is especially looking forward to the "Ocean-Great Lakes Challenge Cup" race series from the 27th and 29th of June. We hope to give our salt-water friends a memorable "Taste of Chicago."

## OCEAN-GREAT LAKES CHALLENGE CUP

Chicago Yacht Club  
Belmont Harbor Station

June 27th to 29th, 2014

The Ocean-Great Lakes Challenge Cup series has a history dating back to the early 1900's. Its purpose was to foster competition between one-design sailors and their yacht clubs from both Oceans and the Midwest.

We are reinstating this series in order to further interclub relations and to bring Shields sailors from across the country together with minimal effort and cost.

The weekend event, scheduled early in the season, will consist of 5 races spread over Saturday and Sunday with a 'Welcome' dinner and practice race on Friday. Each Shields Fleet is invited to choose and send a team representing their Club.

For this inaugural effort, the Chicago Fleet will provide housing, race-ready yachts, a free Friday dinner and of course great racing, all for a modest \$200 entry fee per boat. Regatta Entry Form, Waiver & Sail Compliance forms will be available shortly.

Bring your team and sails. Shields Fleet 3 will provide boats/lodging for all.

## ■ FLEET 4

NORTHERN MASSACHUSETTS BAY, MA

Fleet 4 is seeing some signs of spring, besides what the calendar tells us. Boat covers are starting to come off, and the high school sailing team is out there practicing in the harbor.

Over the winter, we traced the current whereabouts of most of the twenty-five boats that were the Marblehead fleet with help from current fleet members and the Marblehead fleet's long-time correspondent, Joan Thayer. However entertaining these boat genealogies may be, we are happier to find and welcome back Richard Moffitt (#72-*Great Haste*). Fleet 4 now consists of three boats from that original fleet and three imports.

Since we are scattered in four harbors along 20 miles, we indulge in commutable racing events near the east and west ends of the north shore.

## ■ FLEET 7

NAVY POSTGRADUATE SCHOOL SAILING ASSOCIATION, MONTEREY, CA

The Monterey Shields Fleet is extremely honored to be selected as the host for the 2016 National Regatta. We look forward to seeing many of the top Shields skippers and crews out here on the West Coast. In the meantime we shall be working diligently to make sure this event is well organized, competitively raced and fun for all of our guests. Our fleet will be working cooperatively with the Shields National Class leadership and communicating through the Masthead and other media to keep everyone updated on our agenda and progress.

The winter weather has been especially warm and inviting allowing us to host several developmental events on the first Saturday of December, January and February. These inaugural Mixed Crew Races featured several of our most skilled sailors being scattered among various boats to provide new ideas and approaches on trim, tactics, rigging and procedures. This really helped raise the overall ability of all our crews. In addition to the knowledge transfer, this format also helped to strengthen the personal relationships throughout our fleet. We are already making plans to hold this event again next winter.

For our annual sail purchase this year, we elected to go with Quantum Newport for the entire order. Owner Randy Shore came out to Monterey to spend a weekend with us in early April. He generously conducted a seminar in our clubhouse for all comers and then spent time on the water with each Shields crew to help us get the most from our new sails.

Our annual Tune-up Race was held on February 16th. We enjoyed a sunny 62 degrees with 11 kts from the SW. With off season boat maintenance ongoing we were pleased to have 10 Shields on the line. Ashley Hobson, #103-*Stillwater*, finished 1st; Steve Jackson, #96-*October*, was 2nd; and Jerry Stratton, #175-*Meritage*, came in 3rd. March 30th was our first Shields Series races for 2014. After 2 races in the Spring Series, Pakhtun Shah in #209-*Rolly* sits in first with a tie for second place between Ashley Hobson in #103-*Stillwater* and #175-*Meritage*, jointly owned by Jerry Stratton, Larry Smith and Brad Naegle.



**FLEET 7**



Monterey will be represented in the upcoming Legends Regatta by Past National Champions Dick Clark ('75 and '78) and Michael Polkabra ('84). We are also planning to send between 2-4 crews out for the 50th National Regatta this September in Larchmont. We look forward to a great season on the water.

**FLEET 8**

EDGARTOWN YACHT CLUB, EDGARTOWN, MA

Greetings from Fleet 8 on Martha's Vineyard, MA. We are still trying to thaw out and clean up the brutal winter residue. Since there are no year-round Shields owners that are Martha's Vineyard residents, we have yet to remove the winter covers, clean out the nests of the winter boat hull residents and prep for sailing. We begin our season with a practice race the last week in June and follow that race day with our annual kick-off meeting. The 1st race day's adventure is always good for quite a few laughs of what we have all forgotten about Shields racing over the long winter accompanied by some beverages of choice. We are in the process of trying to get a few more Shields off the dry dock and back in the beautiful waters of Edgartown Bay.

Last year, under fellow Shields sailor and Vice Commodore Jeff Randall's direction, the EYC started a woman's adult sailing educational program which has been a huge success. We will start a men's adult program this year as well. Educating and training new adult sailors has already created more interest in new boat ownership and identified newly qualified crew. This is designed to be a fun social event and to recruit new non-sailors to our sailing program and racecourse.

Our Edgartown One-Design Regatta will be July 10-12 this year. We are always fortunate to have a great turn out from the speedy Marion Buzzards Bay Shields fleet to make this event a great success. The weather seems to always cooperate and the competition runs at as high a level as the social activities.



**FLEET 8:** During the Edgartown regatta, when it breezed up to 35 mph, the Buzzards Bay-Marion crew of *Harrier* settled into some alternative competitive carbohydrate activities in preparation for the "Lawn Sailing" (croquet) match. Sam V., Joe G. and Joe M.



**FLEET 8:** *Harrier* Skipper/ Co-owner Graham Q. and Joe M. celebrate their "Lawn Sailing" competition victory with a splash in the "Warm Barrel" and some Mt. Gay! Co-owner Shane seemed to be missing but is thought to be snorkeling in the tub.

Due to our short season of summer resident sailors we normally do not stray from our home port to attend any off-island sailing events. We need to desperately work on this weakness of our fleet. We need to roust sailors to make the 25-mile sail to Marion in Buzzards Bay if we want them to reciprocate. We also need to figure out a fleet scoring system if sailors choose to race off-island for the weekend. This is as good a time as any so I'll start the Edgartown migration effort by committing to attending the 50th Anniversary Nationals regatta in Larchmont this fall. We will be trailering the *Aileen*, #223 to enjoy the Shields camaraderie and the fall breezes of Long Island sound. We will do our best to rally some more troops and make a solid showing.

Point of interest: Edgartown YC has started a new fleet of J-70 boats this year. The program was driven by the past commodore in an effort to modernize the EYC one-design fleets with a group of big boat sailors who have a new interest in smaller one-design sailing in Edgartown. The EYC purchased one boat to assist in bolstering the class. The good news is that at this point in time we have not identified anyone who will be leaving the Shields class to join the J-70's. Our hope is there will be new sailors on the line with us each Saturday of the summer. The fleet is expected to have 8 boats in the harbor this summer.

**FLEET 9**

IDA LEWIS YACHT CLUB, NEWPORT RI

Fleet 9 racing is now underway! We hope the weather improves. The opening meeting/party is scheduled for 30 April, with racing to start 14 May. Scheduled are a spring/ summer/fall Wednesday series and three Friday Aloha Cup racing series. Team race guru Joel Hanneman will present a summary of important rules pertaining to frequently encountered situations in Shields racing at the opening meeting.

# FLEET NEWS

Registration is expected to be around 34 boats. We welcome George Anderson and #80 to the Fleet. George previously sailed one of the Navy boats. We hope Shields ownership is a rewarding experience for him. Additionally we have been fielding requests for boat charters.



**FLEET 9: Randy Shore at Quantum Newport Shields Seminar**

As in past years, Fleet 9 is indebted to the Ida Lewis Yacht Club and its Race Committee. Race Committee Chair John Horton held a meeting with RC principals including PRO Robin Wallace and boat skippers last fall to discuss the 2013 season. We will revert back to the previous format in holding an additional race only if the previous one had been canceled.

At our Annual Awards Dinner in November, we congratulated Tim Dawson and his crew (#254) in their Nationals win and awarded trophies to many, including the Wednesday best overall to Bill Shore (#74).

Although there were no changes to the executive committee, we have a change of faces with appointments. Kurt Edenbach has taken on webmaster duties and Ted Slee has volunteered to spearhead the scoring effort. Mike Vellucci is our Fleet 9 measurer and Tim Healy is our Fleet 9 sail measurer. Additional emphasis is being placed on boat and sail measurement this year.

Fleet 9 is looking forward to hosting the 2015 Nationals (September 10-12). Regatta Chair Robbie Benjamin has called two planning meetings so the organizing effort is off to a good start. We are encouraging input to the Shields Nationals 2014 coffee table book and participation in the racing at Larchmont.

Betsy Yale (#203)

## ■ FLEET 10

BEVERLY YACHT CLUB, MARION, MA

The Marion Shields fleet has over 40 local races scheduled this year starting on Thursday May 29. We race twice a week; Thursday evenings are around the buoys and Saturday afternoons are classic races with long upwind & downwind legs. We have June, July & August series scheduled along with specialty races throughout the summer. The Buzzards Bay Regatta will be held in Marion this year on August 1. Visiting Shields are encouraged to participate as it is sure to be great competition on windy Buzzards Bay. BBR is also a great opportunity to tune up before the Shields National's in Larchmont. Details on the BBR can be found at [www.buzzardsbayregatta.com](http://www.buzzardsbayregatta.com). Looking forward to seeing you all in Larchmont for the 50th!

## ■ FLEET 12

MONTEREY PENINSULA YACHT CLUB,  
MONTEREY CA

*See Fleet 7.*

## ■ FLEET 17

COASTER'S HARBOR NAVY YACHT CLUB,  
NEWPORT, RI

The Navy Fleet in Newport survived another exciting season of racing, the boats are on the shed, and work has already begun for next season. Congratulations to Bernie Patterson and Doug Hancher in #163-*Ann*, who finished as the Fleet 17 champion for 2013 and also finished second in the Fleet 9 Fall Aloha Series. During Coasters Harbor's annual George Winslow Memorial Regatta Wendy Lotz in #138-*Envy* took the top honors in the Shields class, with Andy Segal in #101-*Rajah* edging out David Bush-Brown in #121-*Mahi* for second.

The Navy boats didn't fare as well overall during Wednesday racing, but they did manage five top-10 finishes this season in the combined racing with Fleet 9, which is the second highest season total over the past 10 years. Our challenge this offseason will be convincing the Navy they can afford to purchase sails for the boats, as they haven't done so for the past two years. We welcome all active-duty military personnel who race in the Newport area to get involved, as the fleet of boats was donated by Cornelius Shields and John Nicholas Brown in the 1960s with this purpose in mind.

*See Fleet 9 for more details on the Newport racing and social activities.*

## ■ FLEET 19

MASON'S ISLAND YACHT CLUB, MYSTIC CT

Fleet 19 members are all looking forward to the 2014 season. We race weekly on Thursday evenings which provides entertainment, often a colorful spinnaker finish off the club, for the families at the Mason's Island Yacht Club picnic. On Sundays we race off Stonington Harbor. The Stonington Harbor Yacht Club race committee runs a number of short windward-leeward races which we hope will prepare our members for the up coming 50th anniversary Nationals at Larchmont Yacht Club. Our fleet participation has been down a little in recent years but this season we are expecting a resurgence, possibly even a new member with a new boat to the fleet.

As always, anyone who finds themselves in Southeastern CT this summer we would love to have you join us to race on beautiful Fishers Island Sound.

## ■ FLEET 21

TRED AVON YACHT CLUB, OXFORD, MD

We held our 2nd Annual Shields dinner on April 4th with great attendance by all skippers and crew. We also had in attendance last years' Race Committee to show our appreciation for the great job that they do! Pete Bailey was the MC for most of the dinner, after a few jokes and recognizing the fleet for being very competitive as there were times when all competing boats were in a winning position. At that time he handed the position of Fleet Captain over to Harry Seemans. Before Pete was able to sit down, the Shields Fleet honored Pete with a framed citation of our greatest appreciation for all that he has done for our fleet over many, many years not only as a strong competitor but as a staunch supporter of the fleet, a Fleet Captain always there to help. On a sad note, Pete has sold *Freedom*, yet again, and has told us he is through but will be helping on race committee. Anybody believe that? *Freedom* has been sold to Charlie Robertson, a very avid sailor with a long background in sailing competitively. Welcome on board Charlie!



In appreciation of stepping up to help with the Shields Fleet, Henry Clark is Secretary/Treasurer and Guky Irving will remain our official measurer. Richard Slaughter is busy not only with our fleet but has been voted unanimously by the Shields Class Sailing Association as the official Publisher for the Masthead.

Our pre-spring meeting was well attended and much was discussed. This year we are going to do things a little differently. To get more racing in we are working on shortening courses with more mark roundings. Hopefully, when we have days with light air conditions this will enable us to get a quota of races in for each series. There was also discussion of waiting til later in the day for the possibility of the breeze filling in, as that is the way it seems to happen here on the Tred Avon River. It fills in after we call the racing for the day. Our first day of Spring Series is on May 3rd. Looking forward to a great sailing season.

Fleet Captain  
Harry Seemans

**FLEET 21: Commodore Schuyler Benson (left) and Fleet Captain Harry Seemans congratulate PC Pete Bailey (center) for all his efforts and support to TAYC's Shields Fleet #21.**

## FROM THE BUILDER: SHIELDS SCRAPBOOK

(On the image below): "These were the instructions my Grandfather gave to the shop to note the names & colors of the first run of Shields. Note the hand written details regarding Corny's Shields! For those who may not know-his color choices turned out to be unusual-teal hull and red waterline."

Wendy J. Goodwin, President  
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TO: SHOP DATE: 2/12/63

SUBJECT: SHIELDS CLASS BOATS

The first five boats will be finished as follows:

FORT SCHUYLER FLEET

<u>NAME</u>	<u>TOPSIDES</u>	<u>BOOT TOP</u>	<u>BOTTOM</u>
REBEL	WHITE	VERMILION	SINGAPORE BLUE
BARBARA	MERIDIAN BLUE	VERMILION	SINGAPORE BLUE
VIRGINIA	GRAY	VERMILION	SINGAPORE BLUE
DAINTY	GREEN	WHITE	GLOUCESTER RED
PATIENCE	CAPRI BLUE	VERMILION	SINGAPORE BLUE

The next four boats will be finished as follows:

KINGS POINT FLEET

<u>NAME</u>	<u>TOPSIDES</u>	<u>BOOT TOP</u>	<u>BOTTOM</u>
GOOD NEWS	GREEN	WHITE	GLOUCESTER RED
CHALLENGE	GRAY	VERMILION	SINGAPORE BLUE
BOLERO	MERIDIAN BLUE	VERMILION	SINGAPORE BLUE
COLUMBIA	WHITE	VERMILION	SINGAPORE BLUE
Alice N	Blue		

MR. SHIELDS' BOAT:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>TOPSIDES</u>	
UNKNOWN	SPECIAL GREEN	(VINYL RAIL TO BE GREEN)
Dodo LYC	(R.T.)	

WILLIAM DEF. MANICE, JR.' BOAT:

HULL: WHITE	DECK: LIGHT GREEN
BOOT TOP: BLACK	BOTTOM: GLOUCESTER GREEN

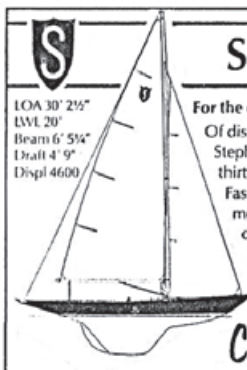
Corny                      Vermilion Boot - Singapore green

SAILS					
NAME	WEIGHT	FOOT	LUFF	AREA	REMARKS
MAINSAIL	5.75**	SEE PLAN	222	222	ONE REEF
WORKING JIB	5.75**	16'-6"	27'-4"	133	
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## HERE'S THE NEW SHIELDS SLOOP

☆ A FIRST GLIMPSE of lines and sail plan of the 12 new Shields Class sloops being built for the United States Merchant Marine Academy and the State University of New York Maritime College has been released by the two institutions.

The class has been named to honor Cornelius Shields, whose gift made construction possible. The new boats are attracting considerable interest, since they'll be made available by the two schools for Mallory and Sears Cup racing and also the Hupkins and Syce series. Further, if the class develops beyond the two fleets, it may come under consideration for future Olympic competition.

In a joint announcement Admirals Harold Moore and Gordon McIntock, commanding officers, said strict one-design rules have been established. A single sailmaker is to be appointed and sails will be ordered all at once and drawn for by lot. Spinnakers and mains will be replaced at three year intervals and jibs are to be replaced every two years. Lead keels will be weighed individually and the balance point of each checked. Each aluminum mast must be similarly certified. Haul-outs will be limited by rule, as well.

These boats will require a crew of three. Designed by Sparkman & Stephens, the fiberglass hulls bear some resemblance to 5.5's. The deep, narrow keel carries its lead as maximum depth for stability. Overall length is 30 feet, two and one-half inches; waterline, 20 feet even; beam, six feet, four inches; and draft, four feet, nine inches.

The sloops will carry 382 square feet of sail in main and jib. It's reported that inquiries on the boats have been coming in from yachtsmen in many parts of the United States who are interested in establishing fleets of these boats.

## 150 IN MIAMI REGATTA

★ MIAMI, Fla.—For the second straight year, Charles Morgan of St. Petersburg, Fla., finished with three firsts to win the Florida State Snipe Championship during Miami Yacht Club's Midwinter Sailing Regatta, March 3-4.

More than 150 skippers from all parts of the nation competed in 15 classes of the 34th annual event in Biscayne Bay offshore from the host club.

State championships were decided in the Snipe and Suicide divisions. Outcome of the state Cricket class race was not settled due to a non-sailing injury suffered by Miamian Ed McCue, forcing postponement of the final heat. McCue was tied with defending champion Jim Hamner, Miami, following the first two heats.

Jack Wirt of Miami took the Suicide crown with a first, a second and a first. He out-sailed Jacksonville skippers Ed Burroughs, who placed second, and Bob Warner, who managed third. Jerry Gwynn, 1961 tittist from Miami, did not enter this year's competition.

"We had a lot of light air and what really helped was switching to a light crew member for the last heat," said the veteran Wirt. "Ed Burroughs was ahead of me just before the finish in the last heat but I got a streak of wind he didn't

get," Wirt added.

Morgan, 32-year-old sailmaker, bested a field of 16 Snipe skippers. The second heat was a close one for Morgan who constantly swapped the lead with Bruce Colyer of West Palm Beach.

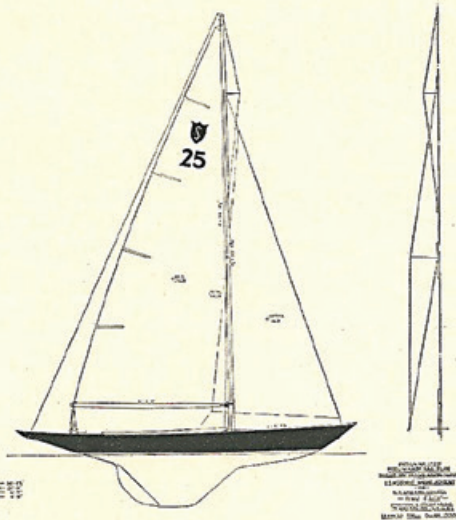
Skimming bow-to-bow with the pair was Francis Seavy of Clearwater who took second in that heat and third for the series. Skip Boston of Detroit, moved up to a second, a third and a second, for a second overall.

"The wind was very light, but I like this course," said Morgan. "It has constantly varying conditions, winds and tides, and serves as a challenge to sail here among the islands," he explained.

Other skippers with three firsts were Miamians Myers and Lane Noell in the Raven and Lewis Twitchell in his Moth.

"We re-cut our spinnaker last week and that definitely helped us win," said Myers Noell. "It had stretched, and we made it tighter."

Two Fort Lauderdale men finished 1-2 in the Windmill Class. Dee Sethness had two firsts and a "did not finish" for first place and Nick Tussing managed three seconds for place. Al Franklin of West Palm Beach was third.



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## SINDLE RECAPTURES JET 14 SERIES; OVERCOMES CHESNEY'S EARLY LEAD

★MIAMI — Harry Sindle, the Ocean Heights, N.J. boat-builder, recaptured the Jet 14 Midwinter championship he had lost last year to John Chesney Jr., the 14-year-old whiz from the host Coral Reef Yacht Club.

Sindle sailed to four firsts and a fifth to down young Chesney 107 to 101½, in the Feb. 23-25 event.

Chesney had gotten off to an early lead in this series with second and a first to Sindle's first and fifth, but Sindle was unbeatable from that point on. Sindle is current North American Flying Dutchman champion and was the U.S. representative in that class in the 1960 Olympics.

Chesney won the National Junior Jet 14 title last summer

at Sayville, Long Island, and is a three-time state champ in Optimist prams.

Third in the Midwinter regatta was Clint Hamilton, Miami, followed by Jay Keeley and Gideon Stocks, both Miami.

## GROWING STAR FLEET REBUILDS CLUBHOUSE

★THE MID-CONNECTICUT Star fleet now totals 34 boats, the result of a junior skipper training program started last year. The fleet's headquarters at Milford Yacht Club is undergoing reconstruction after a December fire, but will open bigger and better facilities this spring.

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